

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Examiner's October 3, 2003, Official Action and respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following comments.

Claims 1-18 remain in the application for consideration.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his indication that claims 6-17 are allowable subject to being rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicant has added new independent claim 18 which combines the features of original claim 1 and allowable claim 6. Applicant respectfully submits that new independent claim 18 is allowable.

The Examiner has further rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by FR2451093A. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection especially as applied to claim 1 as amended.

Claim 1 as amended now sets out that the magnetic responsive means is slideably engaged to both the under surface of said cover and said switch means.

This structure clearly defines over FR2451093 as the magnetic responsive means of FR2451093 are not slideably engaged to both the under surface of its cover and to its switch means. Indeed, the magnetic responsive means 14, 15, 21

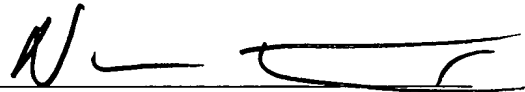
of FR2451093 are fixed to its switch means in both the embodiment of Figs. 1 and 3 of FR2451093.

The claimed feature is intended to permit use of a conventional circuit breaker without its alteration in the claimed sealed electrical switch which is not possible in FR2451093 as it requires that magnetic responsive means 14, 15, 12 be fixed to its switch means as shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

Applicant submits that the invention is new and unobvious and not disclosed by the cited art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's early review and issuance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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